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SUBJECT: INOC- ERAP AGREEMENT

1. AGREEMENT BETWEEN ERAP AND INOC SIGNED MAY 13 REVIVES 1968 AGREEMENT AND PROVIDES FOR ERAP AND NEW JAPANESE PARTNERS TO MAKE SUBSTANTIAL INVESTMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF ABU GHRAH AND BAZARKAN FIELDS AND CARRY OUT SOME EXPLORATION. INA STATEMENT SAYS INITIAL PRODUCTION WILL BE 8 MTA AND BEGIN UPON COMPLETION OF INOC' S DEEP WATER TERMINAL.

2. FRENCH AMBASSADOR TOLD ME MAY 16 THAT ERAP HAD TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO ATTRACT EUROPEAN PARTNERS, BUT ONLY JAPANESE WERE INTERESTED. HE DID NOT REVEAL ANY INVESTMENT FIGURES, BUT MADE CLEAR THAT ONLY RISING COST OF OIL HAD MADE EXPLOITATION OF THIS HIGH SULFUR FUEL COMMERCIALY PRACTICAL. ERAP WANTED PARTNERS IN ORDER TO HAVE BETTER PROTECTION

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AGAINST RECURRENCE OF WHAT IT CLAIMS WERE IRAQI ATTEMPTS TO
CHANGE 1968 ERAP AGREEMENT.
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